

## Global scorecard for stillbirth.

### UQ Winter Research Program Project Description

<b>Project Title</b>	Global scorecard for stillbirth.
<b>Project duration:</b>	Duration of the project, 4 weeks during winter program.
<b>Expected hours per week:</b>	Hours of engagement – 20 - 36 hrs per week
<b>Campus:</b>	Mater Research – Aubigny Place (South Brisbane) or remote. Project can be completed under a remote working arrangement, ideally completed on-site.
<b>Description:</b>	<p>In 2014, the Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP) led by WHO-UNICEF set an ambitious target of 12 or fewer stillbirths per 1000 births in all countries by 2030, to close equity gaps and improve coverage of care along the continuum for all mothers and their babies<sup>2</sup>. This was followed by the Lancet's 2016 "Ending Preventable Stillbirths" series, which sought to highlight missed opportunities and identify actions for accelerated progress to end preventable stillbirths, concluding with a Call to Action<sup>3</sup>. The Call to Action covers three distinct areas – (1) 2030 mortality targets, (2) universal health care coverage targets, and (3) global and national milestones for improving care and outcomes for all mothers and their babies and specifically for women and families affected by stillbirth. Without a systematic tracking system for the Lancet's Call to Action for Ending Preventable Stillbirths, the global context of stillbirth risks remaining obscured and programs under resourced.</p> <p>The main objective of this project is for the student to prepare summaries, figures, and tables with the support of senior researchers. The project outputs will directly contribute to a peer-reviewed 'scorecard for stillbirth' manuscript.</p> <p>This project seeks to reduce the global burden of stillbirth and track regular progress at a global level towards the Call to Action. Particularly, it seeks to highlight areas where insufficient progress is being made and where further investments and actions are needed.</p>
<b>Expected outcomes and deliverables:</b>	<p>Students will gain skills in the following areas and will have an opportunity to generate a publication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary analysis: Analysing public stillbirth reports and preparing estimates for use in a publication.</li> </ul>

<b>Suitable for:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interpretation of findings: Drawing conclusions from the data analysis, the study will offer insights into the measuring progress on improving stillbirths globally and implications for healthcare policy and practice.</li></ul>
<b>Primary Supervisor:</b>	This project is open to applications from students with experience or interest in clinical and epidemiology research in 3rd or 4th year.
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